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FOB's Analysis Unit Helps Troopers Patrol the Right Roads at the Right Time

The Washington State Patrol continues to be a leader in how it uses information to fight crime and reduce crashes and traffic violations. The Patrol's Field Operations Bureau (FOB) has expanded its Analysis Unit to assist both commanders and troopers to strategically deploy resources and apply data-driven, community-based strategies.

In early 2010, WSP was awarded a two-year grant by the National Institute of Justice to staff two project positions to preserve and advance the current structure of the FOB Analysis Unit. These analysts provide mission-critical, strategically targeted, Geographic Information System (GIS)-based quality analysis to troopers, who then can efficiently and effectively allocate agency resources.

"These folks bring to the table the ability to produce timely and targeted analysis to support strategies that enhance our agency goals and the need to economically deploy our resources," said Captain Christopher Gundermann, Field Operations.

The FOB Analysis Unit's responsibility is to provide analysis through an evidence-based Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) structure. The DDACTS structure relies on prompt collection and analysis from statewide crash and crime data and the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) to establish effective and efficient methods

for deploying law enforcement and other resources. The analysts will use the data, through GIS technology, to map areas that have high incidences of crime, traffic violations, and vehicle collisions.

"We are able to retrieve a lot of information; we give the troopers a broader picture of what is happening on the roads and with traffic trouble spots in their area," said Joanna Trebaczewski, Research Analyst, FOB Analysis Unit.

Using this technology, the analysts are able to map areas showing high concentrations of DUI collisions, arrests, and crime. An example of the unit's work is their ability to use current data, along with GIS mapping software, to guide the Target Zero Teams to have their officers out patrolling the right roads, at the right time.

"We analyze the data to look for patterns," said Trebaczewski.

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Louis Hurst, GIS Analyst with the FOB Analysis Unit, maps traffic and crime data using the GIS software that give troopers timely information so they can effectively and efficiently deploy their resources.



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A letter from the Chief

As we head into the holiday season, I'm writing my thank you letter now.

I can do that because you've already given me my gift for the season. When I look back at the progress we've made this year, especially in light of the depressing news about the budget, I could not be more thankful.

We have fatalities going in the right direction. Backlogs in the Crime Lab are being reduced. The Tox Lab won accreditation, and in doing so earned the respect of some very skeptical judges.

District 3 won international recognition for their work with the Yakama Nation. Commercial Vehicle Division quietly won federal recognition for keeping big-rigs safe.

The feds also tell me our communications interoperability program is a model for the entire nation. Interoperability is as much about building consensus as it is about building tower sites. Our outreach team has managed to get local, state and federal agencies playing well together so that the technical part can follow.

Every part of this agency has served with distinction. So have individuals.

We've had a couple of situations this year in which we could have lost co-workers. Their training and fortitude showed mightily, and they are still with us. We should all be giving thanks for that.

We also lost three very valued co-workers. But through its collective tears, our agency shined like a new dime. I wouldn't have thought I could be so sad, and so proud, at the same time.

So let me thank you now, on behalf of myself, on behalf of the Governor, and on behalf of the people of the state of Washington. We all know and appreciate the sacrifices you make every day.

Please keep doing what you're doing, and please enjoy a safe and prosperous holiday season.

John R. Batiste, Chief Washington State Patrol Service With Humility

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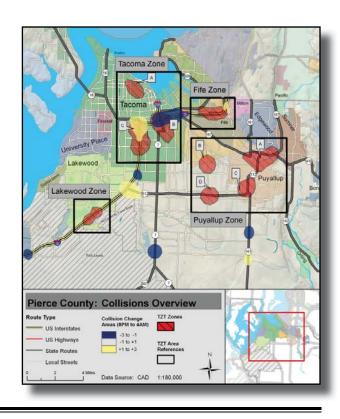
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The GIS mapping also gives Target Zero Team members information on when and where crashes are occurring and which roads lead to high-collision areas.

This enhanced capability will give WSP an effective and efficient way to deploy law enforcement to where they can make the most impact. Through the analysis and technology advancements by the FOB Analysis Unit, they are better able to meet the continuing demand for timely and targeted analysis by law enforcement. The WSP, through partnership agreements, will share its newly enhanced data-driven strategies with the criminal justice system and traffic safety communities.

The map on the right was created by the FOB Analysis Unit for the District 2 Target Zero Team. The map gives the team information about collisions on Interstate 5 and State Routes 512 and 16 in Pierce County. Information and data for maps like this are drawn from statewide crash and crime data.



Oldest Living State Trooper Has Secret to Long Life

Stay active, stay fit, don't drink and drive

When you turn 95, people start asking "What's your secret?" Retired Washington State Trooper Bob Rupp is happy to answer. Rupp joined State Patrol Chief John Batiste in Kennewick on September 3, 2010, at a media event to sound a warning about drinking and driving over the Labor Day weekend.

Rupp stays active, attending Rotary meetings almost every week. He stays fit, weighing little more than when he was a rookie cop. And he studiously avoids a mistake that he saw take far too many lives.

"I don't drink and drive, and you shouldn't either," Rupp said. "There's no faster way to an early grave."

Rupp is the State Patrol's oldest living retired trooper. He also served three terms as Benton County Sheriff. During his time in law enforcement he responded to hundreds of DUI collisions and made far more death notifications than he would have liked.

"Collisions and arrests become a blur, but I remember every death notification I've ever made," he said. "The frustrating part is that it's all unnecessary. There's no need to drink and drive. There's no reason, and there's no excuse."

Rupp is showing photos taken of him and fellow troopers back in the 1950's and 60's prior to the Labor Day media event. From left to right: Lieutenant Jason Anderson, Captain Shawn Berry, District 3 Commander, and Bob Rupp. In the back row is Bob Calkins and Chief John Batiste.

Five people died this Labor Day weekend and four people died in collisions over the weekend last year. Five died during the same period in 2008.

Tacoma Communications Continue Their Tradition of Volunteering at the Pierce County YWCA

Washington State Patrol Communications Officers (CO) from Tacoma Communications are not only helping people during their work day, they are also taking the time to help their community by volunteering at the Pierce County YWCA women's shelter. CO's from Tacoma Communications have been volunteering with the YWCA women's shelter for over

nine years. In 2007, the WSP's Tacoma Communications Center was chosen as the Union Volunteer of the Year for the City of Tacoma's "City of Destiny Award". The CO's most recent volunteer project was providing demolition work on a newly obtained apartment building that will become a support shelter for women and children as they try and escape domestic violence. A team of CO's tore up carpeting in a two-bedroom apartment and removed all window blinds from 24 apartments.

When the CO's are not helping to renovate a new shelter, their volunteer work with the YWCA shelter usually starts during Halloween with a party for the children in the shelter, dinner for the families, a haunted hallway, pumpkin painting with pumpkins donated by Picha's pumpkin patch in Puyallup, a cake walk, and lots of candy. New and gently used costumes are donated for the children at the shelter.

The CO's also spend time helping the families during Thanksgiving and Christmas. For Thanksgiving, they would help decorate a room to celebrate the holiday, bring food and help serve Thanksgiving dinner to the families. During Christmas, they would help provide a Christmas party, which included making hand-crafted ornaments for the tree, decorating cookies, singing carols, reading Christmas stories, and a visit from Ted E. Bear (suit worn by CO 1 Kelly King).

For Mother's Day, the team would help put together a cookie and tea afternoon for the women at the shelter. And for Easter, a party complete with baskets and a visit from the Easter Bunny! On numerous occasions during the year, the CO's would volunteer to help babysit at the shelter.

The people from Tacoma Communications who have volunteered at the YWCA are CO 4 Laurie Langlois, CO 1 Monica Behm, Gina Miller, Public Disclosure Officer, CO 2 Stacie Huibregtse, CO 1 Kelly King, CO 1 Nathan Kresse, CO 3 Donna Barnes, CO 3 Richard Warren, and CO 3 Linda Benson-Omara. All in the communications center have helped by providing needed items for the shelter, and these are items the shelter has come to count on year after year.



Tacoma Communications volunteers at a YWCA holiday event.

Front row, left to right CO 2 Stacie Huibergtse, CO 4 Laura Langlois, CO 1 Monica Behm. Back row Gina Miller, Public Disclosure Officer, Tessa Savage. Photo courtesy of Pierce County YWCA.



CO 1 Nathan Kresse planning how to remove carpeting during the renovation of YWCA's new shelter. Photo courtesy of Tacoma Communications.

Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation Announces New Members to the Board of Directors

The following individuals were recently elected to serve on the WSP Memorial Foundation Board of Directors for a term of two years.



Angela Benson (Criminal Investigation Division / Secretary Senior)



Sergeant Mike Eggleston (Walla Walla)

Memorial Foundation



Dan Eikum (Internal Affairs/ Investigator)



Detective Sergeant Tim Coley (Internal Affairs)



Lieutenant Blaine Gunkel (Academy)

Mark Your Calendar

The 2011 Memorial Foundation Dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel, SeaTac on Saturday, April 16, 2011, to honor our fallen and their families.

If you or someone you know would like to donate an item to the raffle or silent auction, please contact Sharon Phillips, Manager, at (360) 866-9555 in Olympia or 1-888-576-0670.

All proceeds from the dinner go to the Fallen Officers' Spouse & Children Education Fund.

Elected Officers:

President: Lieutenant Travis Matheson

Vice President: Sue Carr

Secretary-Treasurer: Angela Benson

Additional board members are: Trooper Mike Cheek (WSPTA representative), Sergeant Mike Eggleston, CVEO 3 Michael Herron, Terry Hurlbut (RWSPEA representative), Retired CO 3 Susan Jackson, Trooper Brandy Kessler, Denise Poe (volunteer), Arel Solie, and Sharon Phillips (Manager). At this time, Sergeant Eggleston is the only board member from eastern Washington.

The WSP Memorial Foundation provides financial assistance to active and retired WSP employees and their families in times of need. Requests for assistance are confidential and may be brought to any of the above board members. Since 1983, the Memorial Foundation has provided over \$1.3 million in assistance to WSP employees and their families.

For more information about the WSPMF and to view a copy of the 2009-2010 Annual Report, go to www.wspmf.org.

RWSPEA Announces Date and Time of 2011 Annual Meeting

The 2011 Retired Washington State Patrol Employees Association's (RWSPEA) Annual Meeting will be held August 25, 26, 27, and 28, 2011, at the Yakama Nation RV Park, 282 Buster Road, Toppenish, WA 98948. Telephone numbers are (509) 865-2000 or 1-800 874-3087. There will be 50 camp sites set aside until June 30, 2011. Any sites not reserved by June 30, 2011, will be released on July 1, 2011. Only eight of the 50 reserved camp sites will have cable TV hookup. The remaining sites will not have cable. The cost, regardless of amenities, is \$25 per day.



For those needing motel accommodations, the Zillah Comfort Inn, 911 Vintage Valley Parkway, Zillah, WA 98953, four miles from the RV Park, will set aside 15 rooms until July 1, 2011 Eight of the rooms will be \$75.00 for a single and \$100.00 for double occupancy. Seven of the rooms will be suites and they go for \$110.00 per night. All rooms are subject to appropriate taxes and service fees. The telephone number for the Zillah Comfort Inn is (509) 829-3399 or (800) 501-5433. The rooms are being held under the name of the Washington State Patrol Retirees Association. The Zillah Comfort Inn provides a full complimentary breakfast in the morning. The coffee bar is open until 10:00 p.m.

There are other motels in the Toppenish area if you wish to make other arrangements. However, at this time, no special arrangements have been made for rates at motels other than the Zillah Comfort Inn.

Bestway Inn and Suites, 511 So. Elm St., Toppenish, WA 98948
Telephone numbers are (509) 865-5800 or 1-877-424-6423
Days Inn and Suites, 515 Elm St., Toppenish, WA 98948
Telephone numbers are (509) 865-7444 or 1-800-329-7466

The manager of the Yakama Nation RV Park will prepare a BBQ for our group on Friday night, August 26th. The BBQ menu is a choice of wild salmon or rib eye steak. The cost is yet to be determined but will be \$12.00 or less per person. We will need a count for those attending the Friday night BBQ. Your choice of salmon or rib eye will be needed, so think about whether you want wild salmon or rib-eye steak. Saturday night will be BBQ baby back ribs prepared by Larry and Bernice with a potluck from the other members.

Lunches will be provided Friday and Saturday. Further details will be forthcoming.

If you plan on attending the Friday night BBQ, please e-mail or call me or Gwen Gobel with your choice of steak or salmon. E-mail would be the preferred method of communication so we have a record of your preferences.

Terry Hurlbut – (253) 804-0348 or ttroop75@hotmail.com Gwen Gobel – (509) 337-9177 or waltandgwen@charter.net

Please check your calendars and make your reservations. Come join us for fun, food, drink, and oh yes, the annual meeting.

Terry Hurlbut President, RWSPEA

Mark your calendar to attend the Annual WSP Retirees Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 5, 2010, from 10am to noon

Chambers House Restaurant at Panorama City, 1751 Circle Lane SE, Lacey.

Cost is \$18 per person, including tax and gratuity.

To attend, please contact Bob or Alice Bair via e-mail at albobant@comcast.net or phone (360) 352-7650 by December 1, 2010.

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Sergeant
John J. Gundermann



Sergeant Ronald J. Kessler



Lieutenant Christopher D. Old

John J. Gundermann was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective September 16, 2010, assigned to District 7, Burlington, and then reassigned to the Government and Media Relations Office in Olympia.

Gundermann was born in Oak Harbor and graduated from Oak Harbor High School. He attended Eastern Washington University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves for six years.

Gundermann began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 3, 1997, as a trooper cadet, assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Division in Bow Hill.

On January 12, 1998, he transferred to Mansion Security in Olympia.

Gundermann graduated with the 83rd Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 1, 1999, assigned to Bellevue. He transferred to Tacoma on July 3, 2001.

On March 27, 2002, he was selected as a member of the Washington State Patrol Honor Guard. He transferred to the Aviation Section on June 3, 2002, and assigned as a flight officer.

Gundermann transferred back to Tacoma on October 17, 2002. On October 1, 2006, he was temporarily assigned to the Human Resource Division.

He was then appointed to the Executive Protection Unit on January 16, 2007.

Gundermann transferred to Tacoma on February 16, 2008.

Ronald J. Kessler was promoted to RCW Sergeant effective September 16, 2010, assigned to District 7, Burlington.

Kessler was born in Chula Vista, California, and graduated from Helix High School in La Mesa, California.

Kessler began his career with the Washington State Patrol on June 8, 1992, as a trooper cadet assigned to Mansion Security.

He graduated with the 77th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on October 13, 1994, assigned to Seattle.

On January 24, 1996, he transferred to Bremerton.

Kessler was selected as Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS) Trooper for Kitsap County on January 1, 1999.

In 2002, Kessler became the

first recipient of the Mike Buckingham Award. He also received a Certificate of Appreciation in July of 2004 for his part in the Airport Security Division Operation during the 2004 National Governors Association Conference.

Kessler was appointed to the SWAT team on January 1, 2005, and remained on the team until October 2007.

He was assigned as motorcycle officer in Bremerton on August 1, 2006, and continued until September 2010.

Kessler was assigned to the Port Angeles Region Bomb Squad on January 1, 2009, until September 2010.

Christopher D. Old was promoted to RCW Lieutenant effective October 1, 2010, and assigned to Bremerton.

Old graduated from John R. Rogers High School in Puyallup. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Washington State University.

Old began his career with the Washington State Patrol on December 23, 1991, as a trooper cadet, assigned to Olympia Operations.

He graduated with the 75th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 10, 1992, assigned to Bellevue.

On August 1, 1996, he transferred to Tacoma, and on January 1, 1999, he was assigned the Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS) Trooper for Tacoma.

Old transferred to the Human Resource Division on January 2, 2001,

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Lieutenant Roger D. Wilbur

as a full-time recruiter for Western Washington.

On May 19, 2003, he transferred to the Office of Professional Standards, Internal Affairs Section.

Old promoted to RCW Sergeant on August 19, 2003, assigned to Silverlake.

He then transferred to South Seattle on March 18, 2004.

On March 1, 2007, Old transferred back to Tacoma, and transferred back to District 2 on August 16, 2008, assigned to Bellevue.

He was appointed as detective with the Criminal Investigation Division on September 16, 2008.

Roger D. Wilbur was promoted to RCW Lieutenant effective October 1, 2010, and assigned to Kennewick.

Wilbur was born in Longview and graduated from Kamiakin High School in Kennewick. He received an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Basin College.

Wilbur began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 3, 1997, as a trooper cadet, assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Division.

He graduated with the 83rd

Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 1, 1999. assigned to Sunnyside.

On August 23, 2000, he transferred to Kennewick.

Wilbur was promoted to RCW Sergeant on April 19, 2006, assigned to Monroe. He transferred back to Kennewick on November 1, 2006.

Promotions

Chubb, Alicia S., Communications Officer 2. Bremerton Communications. eff: 08/16/10;

Hursey, Jacob D., Customer Service Specialist 4, Commercial Vehicle Division Safety Net, eff: 05/01/10;

Luppold, Carli M., Communications Officer 2, Marysville

Communications, eff: 09/16/10;

Miller, Gina M., Forms and Records Analyst, Risk Management Division Tacoma, eff: 10/01/10;

Prouty, Linda M., Information Technology Specialist 3, Electronic Services Division, Network Engineering Group, eff: 10/01/10. Wulfekuhle, Melodie, Human Resources Consultant 2, Human Resource Division, eff: 09/16/10;

Service Pins

25 years

Gail Behrens, Forms and Records Analyst 3, October 1;

Trooper Richard Thomas, October 3; Paul Stray, Washington Management Services Band 1, October 14;

Trooper Robert Ayers, October 25; **Trooper John Hess**, October 25;

Captain Mark Thomas, October 25;

Trooper James Van Diest,

October 25;

Sergeant Luke Zebley, October 25.

20 years

Trooper Michael Case, October 1;

Trooper Stuart Frink, October 1:

Sergeant Graeme Kennedy,

October 1;

Lieutenant Ronald Rupke,

October 8:

Trooper Jefferv Marken, October 15;

Trooper Troy Metcalf, October 15;

Eric Felch, Senior

Telecommunications Specialist,

October 22:

Robert Schwent, Division

Commander, Electronic Services

Division, October 22;

Lieutenant Kenneth Noland,

October 29:

Henry Porter, Vehicle Identification Number Officer, October 29.

15 Years

Carolyn Sanchez, Correctional

Records Supervisor, October 2; Ronald Wojciechowski, Forensic

Scientist 5, October 2;

CO 4 Laurie Langlois, October 16;

Jayne Aunan, Forensic Scientist 5,

October 9.

10 years

Joanne Marzowski, Forensic

Scientist 3, October 9;

Trooper Kyle Burgess, October 13:

Trooper Eric Ellefson, October 13;

Trooper Clinton Gould, October 13;

Trooper Scott Keffeler, October 13;

Trooper Franklin Olsen, October 13;

Trooper Shannon Beeler.

October 18:

Trooper Tricia Krantz, October 18;

Trooper Stacy Moate, October 18;

Trooper William Rutherford,

October 18;

Trooper Roger Saur, October 18;

Trooper Thor Boisen, October 19;

Sergeant Timothy Coley, October 19;

Trooper Scott Davis, October 19;

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Trooper Kevin Kingsley, October 19; **Trooper Jeffery MacDonald,**

October 19;

Trooper Barton Maupin, October 19; **Trooper Chris Williams**, October 19; **Trooper Grant Campbell**,

October 20;

Trooper Robert Howson, October 20; **Trooper Scott Legler**, October 20; Trooper Joseph McClain,

October 20:

Trooper Michael Sommer, October 20;

Trooper Bennie Taylor, October 20.

5 years

Christopher Johnston, Forensic Scientist 3, October 1;

Trooper Carson Abell, October 3; Justin Knoy, Forensic Scientist 3, October 17:

Terri Yaksic, Office Assistant 3, October 24;

Monica Price, Forensic Scientist 3, October 26.

Births

Kimberly Sweetman, wife of Trooper Felix Sweetman, gave birth to a baby boy, Felix Eugene Sweetman IV, on September 24. Felix weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz.

Trooper Michael Ledesma and his wife Kimmie are the proud parents of a baby girl, Isibiel Faith Ledesma, who was born on October 3. Isibiel weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz, and was 20 1 /4 in. long.

Communications Officer 2 Mary Ransier and her husband Steven welcomed the birth of their son, Brandon Michael, on October 3. Brandon weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz., and was 20 in. long.

Jennifer Norwood,

Transportation Planning Technician 2, Collision Records Section, and her husband Tim are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ali Sophia Norwood, who was born on October 8. Ali weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20 in. long.

Trooper Krista Hedstrom and her husband Joe are the proud parents of a baby girl, Haylee Christine Hedstrom, who was born on October 10. Havlee weighed 7 lbs... 11 oz., and was 19 1/2 in. long.

Trooper Cadet Enpart Kociaj and wife Jennifer are the proud parents of a baby girl, Charlee Rose Kociaj, who was born on October 12. Charlee weighs 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20.1/4 in. long.

Jennifer Perry, Identification and Criminal History Section, Criminal Records Division, and her husband Kelly welcomed their daughter, Mackenzie Rayanne Perry, to their family on October 12. Mackenzie weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz., and was 20 1/2 in. long.

Detective Kristl Pohl and her husband Geoff welcomed a baby boy, Nathan Edward, on October 20. Nathan weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz., and was 19 1/2 in. long.

Naomi Marceau, wife of **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement** Officer 1 Jeremy Marceau, gave birth to a baby boy, Zachary Thomas Marceau, on October 21. Zachary weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz., and was 19 in. long.

Deaths

Leland Henderson, 83, grandfather to Forensic Scientist Denise Rodier. passed away peacefully at his home in Chillicothe, Ohio, on September 26.

John "Big Mike" McMillen, 62, father-in-law of VIN Specialist Denise McMillen, lost his battle with esophagus cancer on September 29, and passed away peacefully surrounded by family.

James A. Cooper, Sr., 85, father of Detective Sergeant Jerry Cooper, father-in-law of Communications Officer 3 A.J. Cooper, and father of retired Trooper Dick Cooper, passed away on October 1, following a short illness.

Donna Sterkel, 73, mother of Trooper Mel Sterkel, passed away on October 13.

Franklin Anastasi, 84, grandfather of Communications Officer 1 Kelly **King,** passed away on October 17.

Former Trooper and retired **Chief of the Orting Police Department Ronald Emmons**, who graduated from the 45th Trooper Basic Class in May 1970, passed away peacefully on October 24.





Retirements Retirements Retirements







CVEO 3 Bonnie J. DeVere



CO 3 Phyllis M. Taylor

David A. Bibby retired on September 30, 2010, after more than 16 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and the citizens of the state of Washington.

Bibby was born in Seattle and graduated from Highline High School in Burien. He served in the Army National Guard for six years.

Bibby began his career with the Washington State Patrol on October 25, 1993, as a Trades Helper, assigned to the Property Management Division.

He transferred to Bellevue on March 1, 1994, as a Caretaker for the Bellevue District Headquarters.

Bibby was promoted to General Repairer on February 26, 1995, assigned to Bellevue.

On January 1, 2006, Bibby's position was reallocated to Maintenance Mechanic 1, where he remained until his retirement.

Bibby was selected as the 2007 Civil Service Employee of the Year.

Bonnie J. DeVere retired after 33 years of service to the state of Washington, and 31 years with the Washington State Patrol.

DeVere was born in Seattle and graduated from Issaquah High School.

DeVere began her employment with the Washington State Patrol on September 10, 1979, as a Communications Officer 1 assigned to Bellevue.

On April 23, 1984, she promoted to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 1, assigned to Seattle. DeVere's other assignments as a CVEO 1 included Kennewick, Pasco, Richland, and Walla Walla.

She promoted to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 2 on September 4, 2001, assigned to Tacoma Interior.

DeVere was promoted to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 3, effective February 16, 2007, assigned to the Spokane Port of Entry, where she remained until her retirement.

Phyllis M. Taylor retired on September 30, 2010, after more than 23 years of service with the Washington State Patrol and 37 years in law enforcement.

Taylor was born in Albany, Oregon, and graduated from Holy Names Academy in Spokane. Taylor attended the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho.

Taylor began her employment with the Washington State Patrol on December 22, 1986, as a Communications Officer assigned to Spokane Communications. On December 22, 1987,

Taylor promoted to Communications Officer 1.

Taylor promoted to Communications Officer 2 on October 16, 1992, remaining in Spokane.

Taylor was the Communications Officer of the Year for District 4 in 1991 and 1997.

On July 1, 2000, Taylor was promoted to Communications Officer 3, remaining in Spokane until her retirement.

WSP Retirees

The Inside Out is always looking for stories about life after the Patrol.

Contact the Inside Out at (360) 596-4010 or insideout@wsp.wa.gov

The Washington State Patrol recognizes and honors the officers who served with distinction and died in the line of duty during the month of October.





Trooper James Saunders died on October 7, 1999, at the age of 31 from gunshot wounds while conducting a traffic stop in Pasco. At the time of his death, Trooper Saunders had served 8-1/2 years with the Washington State Patrol as a trooper. Saunders is the 26th Washington State Patrol officer to die in the line of duty.

Trooper Saunders began his State Patrol career on January 7, 1991, as a cadet assigned to Governor's Mansion Security in Olympia. He was commissioned December 20, 1991, with the 73rd Trooper Basic Training Class and assigned to Coulee City, working out of the Ephrata detachment. He transferred in 1996 to Kennewick.



Trooper H. Douglas Cossman died on October 9, 1929, at the age of 28. He died from injuries he received in a collision with an automobile and his motorcycle at 46th & Park Avenue in Tacoma. At the time of his death, Trooper Cossman had served only 2 months with the Washington State Patrol as a trooper

Thank You

To all the generous employees of the state of Washington.

We, my family and I, are extremely grateful for your kind donation of shared leave. Your generosity and goodwill has helped my family tremendously during this hard time. Unfortunately, my condition has been very stressful and to know that there will not be any lost wages certainly lightens our load.

Again please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Sincerely, Jeff and Melissa Layton

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The Inside Out would like to tell your office, district, or detachment story.

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Letters Letters Letters

Letter received in regards to assistance by Trooper Phillip Jesse, District 6:

Hello,

We would like to thank and commend Trooper Jesse for coming to our aid on September 27, 2010 when we had a right rear flat tire east of Moses Lake in our rental car.

Within a short time of pulling off the road, Trooper Jesse pulled up and was walking toward us with a tire iron in hand. It was an enormous relief to see him. One of us has physical limitations and Trooper Jesse changed the tire and got us back on the road to Spokane.

Trooper Jesse was so capable, professional, and very nice to us. We were very impressed with him and very thankful to him.

Congratulations for having such a wonderful person on the State Patrol. Thanks for all you did for us Trooper Jesse!

It was a pleasure to meet you.

Very Sincerely,

Richard and Linda Crow Murrieta, CA

E-mail received via our Web site in regards to assistance by Lieutenant Ken Garrison, District 5:

WSP:

I recently had an encounter with your Lieutenant Garrison in Vancouver, WA. It was a somewhat unusual situation involving an apparently lost and confused elderly woman I had seen heading onto I-205. Lieutenant Garrison kept a cool head

and had everything solved in no time, with the utmost professionalism, getting this woman safely back to her family.

I just think he deserves the mention for his calm, caring demeanor, and handling of the situation.

Sincerely,

Allyson Homme Vancouver, WA

Letter received thanking Forensic Scientist Lisa Casey of the WSP Marysville Crime Lab for her work with students at Anacortes Senior College:

Dear Lisa,

On behalf of the Anacortes Police Department, I would like to thank you for the great job you did last night at the Anacortes Senior College. Your interaction with the students was exceptional, and your ability to present your message was outstanding. The comments I received last night were an indication to me that you had captured the total attention of your audience, and they were impressed. The phone calls I received today from a couple of students echoed what I heard last night.

You should be proud of the job you accomplished, and your passion for your job showed through. It was a pleasure meeting you and I hope to have more dealings with you in the future. Let me know if there is anything I can do to repay you. Again, thanks for a great job.

Detective Sergeant Wayne Korterud Anacortes Police Department

Retirees Calendar

District 1 - *First Wednesday*, monthly luncheon, 11:00 a.m., Nickelby's, 600 Trosper Rd. S.W., Tumwater.

District 2 - *First Tuesday*, monthly luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Galliano's Cucina, 16435 Military Road S., SeaTac.

District 3 - *Third Monday*, monthly luncheon, noon, Old Country Buffet, 2515 Main St., Union Gap.

District 4 - *Last Wednesday,* monthly breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Longhorn Barbecue Restaurant, W. 7611 Sunset Highway, Spokane.

District 5 - Second Friday, monthly breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Oak Tree Restaurant, 1020 Atlantic, Woodland.

District 6 - *Tuesday*, Weekly coffee gathering of law enforcement retirees, 9 a.m., Wenatchee Senior Center, 1300 Maple Street, Wenatchee.

District 7 - (New Location) the second Tuesday of every odd month beginning at 11:30: Homestead Restaurant, 1700 Continental Pl, Mount Vernon 98273, (360) 424-9222.

District 8 - Second Wednesday, monthly luncheon, noon, Alderbrook Inn, 7101 E, SR 106, Union.

Third Tuesday - Peninsula Law Enforcement and Firefighters Association - monthly luncheon, Red Ranch Restaurant, 820 W. Washington, Sequim.